



State of Delaware

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IEP Improvement Task Force to Hold First Meeting

WHO: Lieutenant Governor Matt Denn, Chair
Members of the IEP Improvement Task Force

WHAT: First meeting of the task force created by Senate Concurrent Resolution 63 to make recommendations to improve the process by which schools create Individualized Education Programs for students with disabilities.

WHEN: **Thursday, September 4, 2014**
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: John J. Collette Center Conference Rooms A and B
35 Commerce Way
Dover, DE 19901

Those unable to attend in Dover may attend by videoconference from:
Carvel State Office Building
Department of State Conference Room, 4th Floor
820 N. French Street
Wilmington, DE 19801

DETAILS: The IEP Improvement Task Force was created by legislation written by Lieutenant Governor Matt Denn and a bi-partisan group of legislators with an interest in the education of children with special needs. Its mission is to make recommendations to the State of Delaware for improving the process by which individualized education plans are developed for public school students with disabilities. The state enacted two laws recently to improve the IEP process -- one to ensure that school districts are using an appropriately high standard for the level of services owed to children with disabilities, and one to ensure that it is economically viable for parents who disagree with their children's IEP to challenge the IEP. This task force will accept recommendations from the public and survey practices in other states, in order to make recommendations to the General Assembly and Governor for additional changes to improve the IEP process in Delaware. The task force's recommendations are due by January 1, 2015. More information may be found at <http://ltgov.delaware.gov/taskforces/ieptf/>